

Or take, again, the pathetic inscription found Testur, in Northern Africa ;

*"Sanctcz
Tres j
Maxima ^
Donatilla Et
Secunda ^
Bona
Puella."*

These were three martyrs of Thuburbo. Two them, Maxima and Donatilla, had been denounc to the judge by another woman. Secunda, a ch of twelve, saw her friends from a window in 1 father's house, as they were being dragged off prison. " Do not abandon me, my sisters," s cried. They tried to wave her back. She insist They warned her of the cruel fate which was cert; to await her ; Secunda declared her confidence Him who comforts and consoles the little ones. the end they let her accompany them. All th were sentenced to be torn by the wild beasts of 1 amphitheatre, but when they stood up to face tl cruel death, a wild bear came and lay at their fe The judge, Anulinus, then ordered them to decapitated. Such is the story that lies behi those simple and touching words, " *Secunda_y B(*

Nor were young men backward in their zeal the martyr's crown. Eusebius tells us of a band eight Christian youths at Caesarea, who confron the Governor, Urbanus, in a body shouting, " We Christians/' and of another youth named Aphiar who, while reading the Scriptures, heard the vc